



IDAHO Cottonwood

Field Office

Recreation Fee Program Spending & Accomplishment Highlights 2022

Improvements to McKay's Bend



Improvements to Hydrant and Electrical Posts

The Cottonwood Field Office (CFO) recreation staff completed improvements to McKay's Bend Recreation Site. Increased visitation at McKay's Bend Recreation Site has created the need to protect existing infrastructure, increase site maintenance, and enhance the visitor experience. In this two-phase project, improvements included constructing: a third tent site, (13) 5'x5' areas around water hydrants and electrical posts, and (2) 12' x12' areas around the communal fire rings.

Amount Expended: \$6,500.00

Boat Ramp Upgrades



Hammer Creek Boat Ramp on the Lower Salmon River

The Cottonwood Field Office completed improvements to Old Lucile, Slate Creek, and White Bird boat ramps accessing the Lower Salmon River (LSR). These improvements will enhance access and provide a safer launching experience for visitors recreating on the LSR. Recreation fee site dollars combined with deferred maintenance monies were used to fund the improvement work. In total, seven BLM boat ramps were improved over the past several years.

Amount Expended: \$54,200.00

Recreation Fee Dollars

They support and enhance:

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations benefit as 100% of the funds collected are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

- Maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety
- Interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs
- Habitat restoration directly related to wildlife- dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation
- Direct operating or capital costs associated with the recreation fee program



Other Accomplishments

- One permanent full-time Park Ranger, one Law Enforcement Ranger, and three seasonal Park Rangers monitored, patrolled, and maintained recreation sites
- Purchased supplies, equipment, and services to operate and maintain recreation sites
- Paid reimbursement for three Volunteer Campground Hosts at year-round recreation sites
- Re-paved Pine Bar Recreation Site’s Road
- The Cottonwood Field Office hosted the 6th annual Clearwater River Clean-up in partnership with Idaho Youth Challenge Academy and the Clearwater Management Council.

Vicinity Map



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[Published FLREA Triennial Report](https://doi.sciencebase.gov/flrea/)
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[Published FLREA Annual Revenue and Spending Plans](https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees/flrea-revenue)
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[Connecting with Communities BLM Recreation Strategy](https://www.blm.gov/national-office/public-room/strategic-plan/connecting-communities-blm-recreation-strategy-summary)
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Revenue & Expenditures

End of Year Carryover:	\$362,430.32
FY22 Revenue	
Recreation Use Permits (RUPs)	\$92,142.38
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	\$168,343.08
Individual Special Recreation Permits	\$0.00
Interagency Passes	\$1,060.00
Total Recreation Fee Revenue for FY22:	\$261,545.46

FY22 Expenditures	
Repair & Maintenance	\$196,448.75
Visitor Services	\$4,095.76
Law Enforcement	\$3,846.81
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$20,341.26
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY22:	\$224,732.58



Planned Activities



Aging Lift Station at Pink House

- Labor for permanent Park Ranger and seasonal hires \$125,000
- Supplies, equipment, & services \$35,000
- Asset replacement at recreation sites \$20,000 (e.g., picnic tables, fire rings)
- The CFO plans to carryover \$150,000 for FY23 to fund contracting costs for upcoming 1653 and Great American Outdoor Act projects. Recent construction contracts have exceeded the original government estimates by 25-30%.
- Additional funds are needed for the following projects:
 - Shorts Bar parking lot/road asphalt \$70,000
 - Replace components in lift station at Pink House \$40,000
 - Chip seal/seal coat Pink House \$40,000

FY23 Planned Expenditures

Repair & Maintenance	\$330,000.00
Visitor Services	\$0.00
Law Enforcement	\$14,348.00
Habitat Restoration	\$0.00
Collections/Overhead	\$18,720.00
Total Recreation Fee Expenditures for FY23:	\$363,068.00
Carryover Funds To FY23:	\$399,243.20
FY23 Projected Revenue:	\$250,000.00

Connecting with Communities

The CFO actively works to connect communities, as well as recreation tourists, to their public lands. The CFO office manages waters that support salmon and steelhead fish species, attracting thousands of people to BLM-managed river access points and boat ramps throughout the year. The CFO coordinates with local Tribes, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, as well as local outfitters and businesses to ensure resources are protected while balancing economic benefits for those local communities. These rivers also support exceptional multi-day whitewater rafting opportunities/benefits for the recreating public, bringing additional economic benefits to local communities and businesses. An example of a partnership that collaborates and also benefits the communities is the Clearwater River Management Council. The BLM is a partner in this council, along with other county, state, tribal, and federal agencies with the goal of educating the public about the river, its fisheries, and history. This council actively monitors and manages the economic, environmental, social, and recreational impacts of salmon and steelhead fishing in the Clearwater Basin.

